

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 578

Designating June 2010 as “Summer Food Service Program Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 30, 2010

Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BENNET, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. CASEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating June 2010 as “Summer Food Service Program Awareness Month”.

Whereas the Summer Food Service Program provides healthy, nutritious meals to an average 2,900,000 children each weekday during the summer;

Whereas there are 34,700 feeding sites in low-income neighborhoods located at churches, schools, parks, recreation centers, and summer camps in all 50 States;

Whereas thousands volunteer at summer feeding sites;

Whereas summer feeding programs play an important role in providing safe places for children and teenagers to engage in physical activity and provide educational opportunities to spur learning during the summer months;

Whereas data from the Department of Agriculture has shown rates of hunger and food insecurity among school-age children increase during the summer months;

Whereas of the 19,500,000 children receiving free or reduced priced meals through the National School Lunch Program, only 1 in 9 receive meals at a summer feeding site on an average day;

Whereas there are only 34 summer food sites for every 100 school lunch programs; and

Whereas many low-income, food insecure children in rural areas lack access to summer feeding locations: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates June 2010 as “Summer Food
3 Service Program Awareness Month”;

4 (2) encourages schools, nonprofit institutions,
5 churches, parks, recreation centers, and summer
6 camps to sponsor summer feeding sites in their com-
7 munities; and

8 (3) encourages schools, local businesses, non-
9 profit institutions, churches, cities, and State gov-
10 ernments to raise awareness of the availability of
11 summer feeding sites and support efforts to increase
12 participation of children who might otherwise go
13 without meals if not for the Summer Food Service
14 Program.

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